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Honourable
Mr. Zoltán Balog
Minister of Human Capacities
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Dear Minister Balog,

as concerned members of the international academic community we are writing to express our solidarity with the Central European University (hereinafter referred to as „CEU“) in regard to the proposed legislative changes to CEU's status under Hungarian Law.

We consider the CEU as a valuable member of the international academic life and value its high reputation on the international academic scene. We feel that the proposed legislation by the Hungarian Government alters its statute of operation in Hungary, compromises the academic freedoms and sets a challenging, though dangerous, precedent for the academic life and academic liberties also in other countries.

We respectfully urge the government to withdraw the proposed legislation and re-enter consultations with the CEU, bearing in mind the possible damage a passed legislation might cause to Hungary's well-founded international reputation in regard to respect for academic freedoms and the achieved status of Hungarian universities as highly respected members of the international academic community.

Respectfully,


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